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FRENCH FRONT IS NOW CALM

Lull in Fighting On French Front Except at Somme, Where British and Germans Are in Terrible Conflict. Russians Advancing Slowly.

London, July 19.—With the exception of the region of Longueval and south of Somme at Biaches, relative calm prevails on the fighting front in France.

The British and Germans are engaged in a sanguinary conflict in the region of Longueval salient, to the northwest of Comblès. With the clearing of the weather, the Germans have taken the aggressive here after preliminary bombardment in which a new asphyxiating gas shell was used. At last accounts no decision had been reached in the battle.

To the south of the Somme the French and Germans still are at grips at Biaches, where the French have driven out the Germans from some of the houses they held in the village. The Germans failed on Tuesday to renew their attacks between Biaches and La Maisonette, in which the French inflicted casualties on them Monday night.

On the near eastern front, Vienna asserts that fresh Russian attacks in the territory southwest of Lutsk were without result, but says that in the Carpathian region, near Zable and Tatarov, the Russians have pushed back Austrian advanced posts, although the Austrian main line has been firmly held. In the vicinity of the Russians are vigorously on the offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army, but all their attacks have been repulsed with very heavy losses, according to Berlin.

In the Austro-Italian theater, Rome reports fresh victories for the Italians over the Austrians at various points.

While Petrograd chronicles further advances against the Turks by the Russian right wing, Constantinople says that in recent days on the central sector the Russians have suffered tremendous losses south of the Tchoruk river, and that their attacks have become less violent.

Cannonading is going on along the entire front in the region of the Greek border between the forces of the Entente and entente allies. Air raids of the entente allies have done considerable damage with bombs in the region of Monastir.

The British army made substantial progress yesterday north of Oivillers, while the Germans utilized a temporary lull in making an attempt to regain lost ground at Biaches and La Maisonette, where the French forces had pushed them back in the first push of the Anglo-French offensive. Fighting in this region continues.

General von Linsingens' retirement across the Lipa river on the eastern front is considered by critics as removing the last serious obstacle to the advance of the Russians toward Semberg. Reports from Rome say the retirement of the Teutonic allies has caused a panic in Galicia, where they are being evacuated. The Russian official communication refers to the withdrawal as having been in disorder, notwithstanding German decorations that it was accomplished unhindered by the Russians.

MOBILIZATION CAMPS WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

New York, July 19.—Mobilization camps in most of the twenty-two states of the department of the east will be discontinued, it was announced at division headquarters. Governor's Island, as soon as the last national guard organization called out by the president has departed for the border. With the closing of the camps, recruits will be trained at army posts already designated, according to an order issued by Major General Leonard Wood.

It was found that the contemplated plan of maintaining the state camps for training recruits would enforce the absence of scores of regular army and national guard officers from the border commands.

Among the army posts designated are: Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia: Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Florida and Alabama: Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Fla. Mississippi and part of Louisiana: Jackson Barracks, near New Orleans, South Carolina: Fort Moultrie, Charleston.

CRAZED NEGRO KILLS 5 PEOPLE

Crazy Negro Kills Two White People and Three Negroes and Barricades Himself in House, Which is Dynamited by Police.

Chicago, July 19.—A crazed negro, H. J. McIntosh, after killing four persons, three of them negroes, barricaded himself in his home on the West Side yesterday and stood off a large number of men until three charges of dynamite were thrown into the house. He was seriously wounded by the explosion and a bullet wound, and died after being taken to a hospital.

The dead include a white woman who was aroused by the shooting and came to her back door in the rear of the building the negro had barricaded, and McIntosh's wife. Police reserves were called out from all sections of the West Side, and more than a hundred men were stationed about the house. The police said the negro had a pistol and a rifle.

The explosion of dynamite blew the rear porch and part of the kitchen into the alley.

The dead are: Stuart Dean, policeman, Mrs. Josephine Overmeyer, Edward Knox, negro, Alfred Matthews, negro.

H. J. McIntosh, negro, the crazed man.

Hattie McIntyre, wife of the slayer.

The injured include two policemen and Knox's wife.

WOMAN DEAD; MAN IS SHOT

Tragedy of Eternal Triangle is Enacted Again. Prominent Woman Physician Is a Suicide. Her Lover is Held for Attempted Murder.

Boston, Mass., July 19.—Two hours after his sweetheart, Dr. Celia Adams, of Brooklyn, had died from an overdose of a drug, Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood, of Woburn, shot and probably mortally wounded Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, at the latter's office in the Hotel Westminster, in the Back Bay district.

Dr. Atwood disappeared after the shooting, but was later arrested after a brief struggle at the office of his fiancée.

The police say he admitted that he had shot Dr. Harris because Miss Adams had told him yesterday that their marriage could not take place, as Dr. Harris had wronged her. An empty five-chambered revolver and a razor, which the police say Dr. Atwood admitted he intended to use on his victim, were taken from the prisoner. He was locked up on a charge of assault and battery with intent to murder.

At the city hospital late last night Dr. Harris was unconscious. His condition was reported as critical.

SUBTERRANEAN WIRELESS.

California Doctor Makes a Valuable Discovery.

San Francisco, July 19.—Dr. H. Barringer-Cox announces that he has perfected a subterranean wireless telephone and that eventually he had discovered a new law of physics—that electrical energy can be transmitted over a single conductor.

For the last five months Dr. Cox has been working at Los Olivos, Cal., with the United States forest service in an effort to perfect a system of wireless signals for forest fires. While so engaged he made the discovery.

\$5,000 FOR POSTOFFICE SITE.

Washington, July 18.—The omnibus public building bill reported to the house yesterday by Congressman Frank Clark, of Florida, contains the following Florida appropriations: Kissimmee, for building, \$35,000. Lake City, for building, \$35,000. Arcadia, for site, \$5,000. West Palm Beach, for site, \$10,000. Monticello, for site, \$5,000. Perry, for site, \$5,000.

Now that the appropriation has been practically secured for the site, Arcadia's growing importance demands that the matter be not allowed to rest until an appropriation of sufficient size to erect a suitable and creditable building is secured.

FLOOD WIPES OUT ENTIRE TOWN; STORM CAUSES 38 KNOWN DEATHS

Chimney Rock, N. C., Has Been Completely Washed Away. No Reports Concerning 150 Inhabitants of the Stricken Town. Nineteen Additional Known Deaths Added to Already Large List of Lives Lost in Southern States. Fifteen Million Dollars' Damage Done to Property. Rivers Have Begun to Recede.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 19.—According to information brought here by S. A. Marlette, who went to Thermal City, N. C., in an automobile, the village of Chimney Rock, N. C., near the famous rock of that name in Rutherford county, was completely washed away by the high water of Broad river. There were about 150 inhabitants in the town.

According to Mr. Marlette, a party from the nearby towns went to Chimney Rock to try and rescue some of those caught by the flood, but on account of the body of water surrounding the village, they were not able to get close to the town. The party saw no sign of human life, it was said, but got close enough to hear a dog barking in one of the houses. The postoffice and hotel were washed to a point several miles below the village, to a place known as the Cox place.

A company had just built a new road to the top of Chimney Rock at a cost of \$10,000, and this is said to have been completely destroyed, and will have to be rebuilt.

Chimney Rock is twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad.

Asheville, N. C., July 19.—The death list from the floods in several southeastern states is growing rapidly as news comes in from isolated districts. Nineteen additional drownings were reported yesterday, and brought the known dead list to thirty-four.

First word reaching the outside world from the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton region of North Carolina brought the news that two million dollars' damage had been done in that section by the overflow of the Catawba river. Two lives were lost.

Eight additional deaths are reported from Bat Cave, a village in Henderson county, on the Rocky Broad

NORTH CAROLINA'S LIST OF FLOOD'S DEAD REACHES 28

Authorities Fear That List Will Be Raised Much Higher, As Many Places Are Still Cut Off From the Outside World. Relief Work Is Being Pushed Rapidly. Homeless Are Now Housed.

Asheville, N. C., July 19.—The list of the flood's dead has reached a total of twenty-eight, when reports from the Bat Cave section of North Carolina stated that eight persons had been drowned there Sunday, and two women, Miss Susie Collins and Miss Polly Collins, sisters, met death at Volga, a little station eighteen miles from Asheville, on the Knoxville division of the Southern Railway. Bat Cave is probably the most isolated section of the state, having no railroad, telephone or telegraph connections. It is about thirty miles from Asheville, on the Rocky Broad river.

The receding waters of the disastrous floods that swept through the French Broad Valley in Transylvania and Madison counties Sunday, gave up seven additional bodies yesterday, and it is feared that the death list, which now reaches a total of twenty-eight for the entire section, will be much larger when the rivers return to normal levels, a stage they are rapidly reaching. The additional deaths reported yesterday include Mrs.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday, July 23rd. Rev. M. H. Norton, presiding elder of the Barlow district, will visit the Arcadia church, and preach at 11 a. m. The membership of the church is expected to attend, and the community is cordially invited. Mr. Norton has an appointment elsewhere for the evening and will therefore be able to preach at Arcadia at the morning hour only.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the Epworth League will conduct the services of the general congregation. The League is very active and well organized, so that the exer-

river, North Carolina; two from Volga, a small town in Buncombe county; four from Brevard, and three from the Hickory Nut Gap section. In addition, unverified reports say three lives were lost below Marshall, N. C., in the overturning of a boat.

All rivers in the flood area are falling, and normal conditions are being restored in many sections overrun by the waters from the eastern mountains Sunday. At least ten persons are missing in the Belmont, N. C., region. Property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000, principally to railroads, crops and industrial plants.

The South Carolina flood has reached its limit of intensity, according to weather officials, who predict that while the rivers will be high in the lower section of the state, they will not reach the unprecedented stages which had been feared.

The Catawba river is receding as fast as it rose two days ago, when the great water rushed down from the water sheds, carrying bridges, factories and homes with it. Railroad and other utilities companies are using large construction gangs repairing damage in the Catawba Valley. Several weeks will be required, it is said, to restore normal train service on some of the railroads, and hundreds of thousands of cotton spindles may be idle a month.

Rivers of east Tennessee have reached their crest and begun to fall slowly. Some damage was done in south Knoxville, where the waters reached warehouses and homes on the lower ground, but the greatest loss will be to crops, several hundred thousand acres having been flooded in the valleys in the extreme eastern part of the state.

Conditions in Virginia and West Virginia are expected to be normal in a day or two.

John Heath and son, John Heath, Jr., Brevard; Mrs. Caldwell Sentelle and child, Brevard; Mrs. Edward Hunt and two small children, of Hickory Nut Gap. To this may be added three lives reported lost in the flood waters below Marshall, and three boys, names yet unknown, reported to have put out in a small boat from Fletcher's, Henderson county, yesterday afternoon.

The early estimates of property damage throughout the entire valley may be considerably increased when the rivers return to normal levels, according to a Madison county lumberman today, who stated that the losses in the flooded sections may reach \$12,000,000. Relief work is being rapidly pushed forward in the stricken sections, and the greater part of the 1,300 men who were thrown out of employment by the destruction of twenty-five industrial plants are being put to work clearing away the flood wreckage and debris as fast as the waters go down. All the homeless victims of the flood are being housed and fed at the city high school.

views of the evening will doubtless be entertaining and edifying. Special music will be rendered, and the public is invited.

Rollie Saxon, who is connected with Saxon & Company, of Brownville, was in the city yesterday on business. He returned to his home on the afternoon train.

A contemporary speaks of the "forty thousand car loads of Florida products shipped last season." What war our last season? Here the shipping is a continuous performance, only interrupted by an hour's rain or a day's wind storm.—Times-Union.

ENGLISH SEIZE CARGO AND MAIL

British Steamer Forced to Put Up \$25,000 Bond for Missing Cargo Confiscated by British. England Still Seizing All Mail.

Manila, P. I., July 19.—The British steamship Chinese Prince has finally filed a bond and steamed out. The amount of the bond, \$25,000, covers the fine of 50,000 pesos which the collector of the customs here imposed on the vessel when it was discovered that 2,000 packages were missing from her cargo when she arrived at Manila. These packages had been confiscated by the British authorities at Penang because some of the consignees had been blacklisted by the British. After the vessel's departure court proceedings were begun in connection with an appeal made by her agents in payment of the fine.

The Spanish vessel Elizaguerre, which reported upon arrival at Hilo on Sunday that the British authorities at Singapore had taken off 500 packages of cargo bound for Manila, has reached here. Her officers report that they filed a protest with the Spanish consul at Singapore, who, in turn, communicated this protest to the American consul, and that the latter declared that he was not authorized to receive the protest.

The Elizaguerre's captain reports that the British seized 104 sacks of Manila mail, returning them to the vessel after eight hours. The local postal authorities are unable to state at this time whether any of the packages were confiscated from the sacks.

GUARDSMEN AND MEXICANS CLASH

Guardsmen On Outpost Duty Are Attacked by Mexicans. One Greaser Killed, But No Americans. International Commission to Meet.

Washington, July 19.—Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, called on Acting Secretary of State Polk today, just before the latter went to the white house for the cabinet meeting. It is understood Mr. Arredondo received instructions from his government approving a tentative plan for the settlement of the differences with the United States by means of a joint international commission.

Members of the cabinet said after their meeting that whether a commission would be agreed upon to settle the differences, had not been fully determined.

General Funston has asked the war department for \$500,000 to construct temporary shelters for army horses and mules along the border.

El Paso, Texas, July 19.—A party of mounted Mexicans exchanged fire with a company of the 9th Massachusetts infantry near here yesterday.

According to reports the guardsmen were doing outpost duty when the Mexicans rode up on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande and opened fire. The guardsmen suffered no casualties, but reported that they believed they had killed one Mexican.

Captain Hickey, of Dorchester, Mass., commanding the company, estimated the number of Mexicans at fifteen, but asserted that he was unable to determine whether or not they were soldiers.

Approximately fifty shots were fired on each side, it was said.

Both General Bell, commanding the El Paso military district, and Lieutenant Colonel Muelon, acting garrison commander in Juarez, denied that they had received official reports of the incident, and both said that it seemed trivial.

ARCADIA MILITARY TRAINING CAMP.

The Arcadia military training camp will meet tonight at the armory. The lights have been fixed, and nothing will hinder a first class drill from being held.

Captain George M. Lynch is at home now, and it is useless to say he will be present, for all members know he will.

Tonight at 7:30 is the time, and all members are expected to report at the armory ready for drill.

REFUSES APPEAL OF CASEMENT

English Court of Criminal Appeals Dismisses Appeal of Sir Roger Casement From Verdict of High Treason. Sentenced to Death.

London, July 19.—Without hearing attorneys for the crown, the court of criminal appeals has dismissed Sir Roger Casement's appeal from the verdict of the lower court, which found him guilty of treason, for which Viscount Reading the lord chief justice, sentenced him to death. For a day and a half Alexander Sullivan, Sir Roger's counsel, argued before the court, quoting many authorities in favor of his contention that the offense of treason depended upon whether the accused dwelt under the protection of the king, and that the crime could not be committed without the realm. He abandoned his other points in regard to the lord chief justice's definition of the offense.

As soon as Mr. Sullivan had concluded his argument, the court retired to consider whether the attorneys for the crown would be called on to reply. It soon decided to the contrary.

Sir Roger was present during the argument and when judgment was given.

A further appeal is possible only if the attorney general gives certificates that the decision of the court of criminal appeal involves a point of law so exceptionally important that it is desirable in the public interest that a still higher court should deal with it. This has been done only twice since the court of criminal appeal was established.

Justice Darling, in delivering the decision, expressed the indebtedness of the court to Mr. Sullivan for his well considered and well delivered arguments as to justice, adding that they were worthy of the best traditions of the king's courts, but he declared that they had been answered by the attorneys of the crown at the first trial.

Attorney Michael Francis Doyle, of Philadelphia, of counsel for Sir Roger, said that powerful influences are working for a reprieve, and there were strong hopes of one being granted.

KNOTT WINS IN SUPREME COURT.

Tallahassee, July 18.—The supreme court has refused the writ of prohibition asked by Rev. Sidney J. Catts to be directed against Circuit Judge Simmons, of Duval county, and ordered an alternative writ of mandamus issued in the case of W. V. Knott vs. county canvassing board and all inspectors and clerks in Putnam county, such writ being made returnable before the supreme court at 10 o'clock a. m. July 27th.

The other petition against the county canvassing board alone of Putnam county is held in abeyance.

All orders issued by the court were made unanimous and without written opinion.

These orders mean that the recount asked for in Duval county of some several precincts by W. V. Knott in his contest against S. J. Catts, the declared nominee for governor, will be allowed, and that Knott is in a fair way to secure recount of all the precincts in Putnam county of the vote cast for governor in the democratic primary of June 6th last, unless the attorneys for Rev. Catts can show good reason on July 27 why this should not be done.

This would apparently open the way for further recount in other counties. Knott has declared that he will go into some twenty odd counties altogether in an effort to prove that there was miscount of the vote, particularly the second choice vote, and in some instances, downright violation of the primary law. He claims that the recount in Madison, Suwannee and Hamilton counties, already made, has given him enough extra votes to wipe out the less than 300 plurality Catts had, and that the final tabulation will show him easily the party's nominee.

On the other hand, Rev. Catts and his adherents claim that there is direct evidence of improper methods having been used, and that they have affidavits which purport to show that the ballot boxes have been tampered with in at least one county where recount has been made, and in Knott's favor. They claim that possession by Catts of the certificate of nomination by the democratic party after the county and state canvassing boards had done their work proves him to be the legal and qualified nominee of the party.